Lewis Tappan,

New York, Jan. 25 1841.

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Dear Brother Phelps,

Your favour of the 20th is just rec.d

61 Mr Loring lately sent me $39.61, with other money, & wished that that amount should be acknowledged as coming from you. His name was substituted for yours for several reasons — 1. Your name had been used alone, without any name to represent the other party. Thus they never complained but yet it seemed as if we had not acted impartially. (As however we have now treated both parties alike there will be a propriety in inserting both names.) 2. We learned you were absent. 3. We were told you were in ill health, & did not like to trouble you. 4. We learned that Geo Rapelje had left & did not know what remained at the office. If I had thought of Mr Bernard's being here I would have put his name into the Appeal. It would have been better, I acknowledge, to have united Mr Loring's name in addition to yours. The notice shall be immediately attended

The closing remark in your letter, dear brother, shows a sensitiveness that pains me. Do you imagine for a moment that any disrespect was intended — any slight — any leaning towards new or old organization? Why not impute the seeming neglect to inadvertence amidst the hurry of business, or rather to right intentions that were explained.

Mr Sturge writes that his brother John has suddenly died. He was younger than Joseph — took an active part in the Convention — was here 2 or 3 years ago, having just before married a lady of St. Johns, New Brunswick — I think. Truly yrs Lewis Tappan

Br Leavitt remains at Washington. Probably he will
return soon